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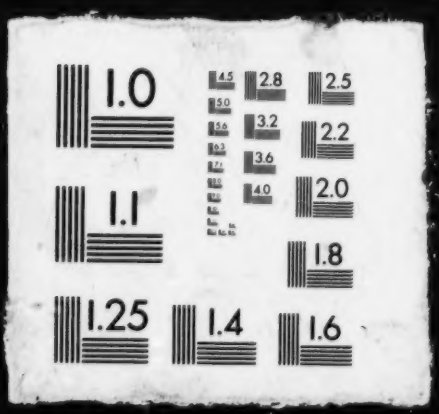

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The nature of substituent effects on ^{13}C NMR spectra and the best choices of models to correlate them with classical measures of substituent effects on chemical reactivity such as the Hammett σ parameters have been of research interest for some time[2–13] and are the subjects of

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several papers in the recent literature.[14-22] We sought to answer two questions: which of the equations and parameters proposed in the literature are the best to describe terphenyl substituent effects, and what do the correlations between substituent parameters and substituent effects tell us about the mechanisms for transmission of substituent effects in terphenyls and similar molecules?

There have been several single parameter correlations of NMR data reported. Among these are simple Hammett correlations[2,10,11] of the type shown in eq 1, where δ is the

$$\delta = \rho\sigma + \delta_0 \quad (1)$$

chemical shift, σ is an appropriate classical reactivity (Hammett) parameter such as σ_I, σ_p, σ_p^+, σ_m, σ_R^-, σ_R^0, σ_R^+, σ_R^{BA}, or an NMR-derived constant such as θ,[16] ρ is a proportionality constant, and δ_0 is an adjustable constant. Most treatments[3,23] have applied the constraint that $\delta_0 = \delta_H$, the chemical shift of the unsubstituted parent compound, so that the single-parameter Hammett-type (H) equation is essentially eq 2, where $\Delta\delta = \delta - \delta_0$, the substituent-induced chemical shift.

$$\Delta\delta = \rho\sigma \quad (2)$$

For many chemical structures, a single-parameter relationship does not give valid correlations.[1,2,7-15] Hence, several dual substituent parameter (DSP) approaches have been used, among them the *F,R* scale of Swain and Lupton[24] and the σ_I,σ_R^0 scale of Taft.[25] The most generally useful of these is probably the Taft DSP equation (eq 3),

$$\Delta\delta = \rho_I\sigma_I + \rho_R\sigma_R \quad (3)$$

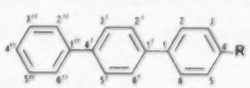
where σ_I is the Hammett inductive parameter and σ_R is one of the several Hammett resonance parameters.

Whether a dual-parameter scale is necessary or whether a single parameter scale will suffice to explain aromatic substituent effects has been the subject of much debate.[7,15,16,22] Reynolds and co-workers in a recent paper[15] have demonstrated that a DSP scale is significantly more precise in describing NMR substituent effects than one employing a single parameter. For more than 50 4-substituted styrene derivatives, they show that a DSP scale is both necessary and sufficient to account for the substituent-induced changes in the NMR parameters. The DSP approach has also been successfully used[21] in analysis of substituent electronic effects on the ^{13}C NMR spectra of 1- and 2-substituted azulenes, where good correlations between the DSP regression coefficients and CNDO-derived charge densities were obtained.

Bromilow and Brownlee[19] investigated in detail the use of the DSP equation and recommend that the comprehensive basis set[8,25] of substituents include at least two strong donors (NMe_2, NH_2, or OMe), two halogens (but not both Cl and Br), Me, H, one acceptor (NO_2, CN, or CF_3), and one carbonyl acceptor (COMe or COOR). This covers a wide range of substituent inductive and resonance properties. More recently, Bromilow and co-workers[17] have analyzed in great detail substituent effects on the ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts of 1,4-disubstituted benzenes. The nonadditivity of these effects was interpreted in terms of the local π-electron density at the para carbon. Through the use of calculated electronic charges and a DSP approach, the effects of a fixed substituent Y on the shifts of the para carbon with a variable substituent X were shown to be twofold: a sensitivity effect at X (essentially the shift-to-charge ratio) and an electron-demand effect exerted by Y, which either enhances or reduces the π-electron delocalization at X. These effects were accurately described by a modification of the DSP equation to include an electron-demand parameter, ϵ, for Y, which gives an effective resonance term in the resultant DSP–nonlinear regression or DSP-NLR equation (eq 4).

$$\Delta\delta = \rho_I\sigma_I + \rho_R\sigma_R/(1 - \epsilon\sigma_R) \quad (4)$$

In the present work, the substituent effects on the ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts of a series of 4-substituted *p*-terphenyls (**1**) were measured. The set of ten substituents



1, R = NO_2, $COOCH_3$, CN, H, CH_3, I, Br, Cl, NH_2, $N(CH_3)_2$

was more than adequate to constitute a minimum basis set[19] for DSP analysis. Correlations between the substituent-induced ^{13}C chemical shifts $\Delta\delta$ and the various σ values[8,23,26-29] were sought by using the single-parameter, DSP, and DSP-NLR equations (eq 2–4). Statistical tests[30] were used to determine the goodness of fit of the data at a given carbon to a given equation and set of parameters and to determine the best choice of an equation (model) if more than one good fit was obtained. For goodness of

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fit, χ^2 tests were used with the requirement that the confidence level be better than 95%. For the choice of model, F tests were used, again with the requirement of better than 95% confidence.

Experimental Section

Materials. Reagent grade or better *p*-terphenyl and 4-nitro-*p*-terphenyl were bought from Aldrich Chemical Co. The 4-bromo and 4-amino derivatives were bought from Alfred Bader Chemicals and the 4-chloro derivative from RFR, Inc. These were used as received. The remaining terphenyls and additional 4-amino-*p*-terphenyl were synthesized in these laboratories by the methods given below. All the terphenyls were checked for identity and purity by melting points, infrared spectroscopy, and gas chromatography–mass spectrometry and/or thin-layer chromatography.

4-Amino-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl. 4-Nitro-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl was hydrogenated (3 atm) at room temperature in *N,N*-dimethylformamide solution by using a 5% Pd/C catalyst. The solution was filtered, concentrated, and subjected to flash chromatography[31] over silica gel eluted with methylene chloride to give 4-amino-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl, mp 198–200 °C (lit.[32] mp 198 °C).

4-Iodo-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl. 4-Amino-1:1′,4′:4″-terphenyl (504 mg), dissolved in 20 mL of glacial acetic acid, was diazotized at room temperature by addition of 2 mL of a solution of 1.0 g sodium nitrite in 10 mL of concentrated sulfuric acid. The resulting diazonium salt was poured into a solution of 10 g of potassium iodide in 10 mL of water. The mixture was stirred for 0.5 h and then heated until gas evolution ceased. The mixture was cooled and filtered, and the solid residue was extracted with methylene chloride to give 682 mg of an orange solid, mp 230–242 °C. The solid was recrystallized from 1200 mL of 95% ethanol to yield 316 mg of 4-iodo-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl, mp 247–248.5 °C (lit.[33] mp 246–247 °C).

4-Methyl-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl. 4-Iodo-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl in anhydrous diethyl ether was treated with butyllithium, and the resulting salt was alkylated with dimethyl sulfate according to the procedure of Gilman and Weipert.[34] Removal of small amounts of *p*-terphenyl and final purification was accomplished by recycle chromatography with a Whatman Magnum 9 ODS 2 column and a mobile phase consisting of methanol/methylene chloride/water (80:10:10) to give 4-methyl-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl, mp 206–207 °C (lit.[34] mp 207–208 °C).

4-Cyano-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl. 4-Amino-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl (624 mg, 2.55 mmol) was suspended in 10 mL glacial acetic acid, and 2 mL of a solution of 1.0 g sodium nitrite in 10 mL concentrated sulfuric acid[35] was added at room temperature. There was an immediate reaction, and the suspension dissolved. The diazonium sulfate was precipitated by addition of 80 mL of anhydrous diethyl ether. The precipitate was filtered out on a Büchner funnel, washed with anhydrous ether, and dried on the filter paper. The dried salt[32] was added to a stirred solution of 2 g of copper sulfate pentahydrate and 3 g of potassium cyanide in 10 mL of water. When gas evolution slowed after approximately 15 min, the mixture was heated to complete the reaction. After cooling and the addition of 50 mL of water, the mixture was filtered. The resulting brown solid was extracted with hot acetonitrile. The organic solution was concentrated to dryness and subjected to successive flash chromatography[31] on silica gel. Elution with methylene chloride gave 353 mg of product, mp 193–197 °C. Rechromatography using toluene as the mobile phase gave 337 mg of yellow solid, mp 196–198 °C. Rechromatography using 75% toluene/25% hexane gave 255 mg of 4-cyano-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl as a pale yellow solid, mp 198–199 °C. Recrystallization from toluene gave material with the following: mp 198–199 °C [lit.[36] mp 186–188 °C (cyclohexane); lit.[37] mp 219–220 °C (alcohol)]; IR (KBr) 2230 cm^{-1}.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{19}H_{13}N$: C, 89.38; H, 5.13; N, 5.49. Found: C, 89.02; H, 5.38; N, 5.46.

4-(Carboxymethyl)-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl. 4-Cyano-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl (249 mg, 0.98 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 100 mL of methanol and 100 mL of anhydrous ether. This solution was cooled in an ice bath, saturated with anhydrous HCl, stoppered, and refrigerated for about 60 h. The solution was then added cautiously to 300 mL of water. The volume was reduced by half on a rotary evaporator, and the remainder was refluxed for 1.5 h. The cooled mixture was extracted several times with methylene chloride (total volume 500 mL). The organic layer was washed successively with water, saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate, water, and saturated aqueous sodium chloride and was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The organic solution was filtered and the solvent removed on a rotary evaporator to give 249 mg of crude ester, mp 221–223 °C. The crude product was sublimed at 150 °C (0.02 torr) and recrystallized twice from toluene to yield pure 4-(carboxymethyl)-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl as white needles: mp 223.5–224.5 °C (lit.[38] mp 228–230 °C); IR(KBr) 1720 cm^{-1}.

Anal. Calcd for $C_{20}H_{16}O_2$: C, 83.31; H, 5.59. Found: C, 83.09; H, 5.60.

4-(Dimethylamino)-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl. 4-Amino-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl (246 mg, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL of toluene by heating to about 50 °C and stirring, and 340 mg (1.0 mmol) tetrabutylammonium hydrogen sulfate and 5 mL 50% aqueous potassium hydroxide were added. Dimethyl sulfate was added in 100-μL increments. The course of the reaction was monitored by TLC (silica gel, methylene chloride) after each addition. Two products were formed. The reaction was not complete after addition of 1200 μL of dimethyl sulfate and was discontinued. The mixture was allowed to cool, 50 mL of water was added, and the layers were separated. The aqueous layer was washed with methylene chloride (2 × 50 mL). The organic extracts were combined, washed with water until neutral, washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride, and dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solution was filtered, and the solvent was removed on a rotary evaporator to yield 253 mg of a yellow solid. Sublimation at 170 °C (0.005 torr) afforded 175 mg of solid (mp 233–236 °C) containing two components, the dimethyl and the monomethyl products, by TLC (silica gel, 10% pyridine in hexane). This material was further purified by preparative liquid chromatography (Waters Associates Prep LC/System 500, one silica cartridge, mixtures of hexane/toluene containing 0.5% diethylamine) and recrystallized from hexane/toluene to yield 65 mg of 4-(dimethylamino)-1:1′,4′:1″-terphenyl as off-white leaflets: mp 237.5–239 °C; IR (KBr) 3031 (m), 2928 (m), 2900 (m), 2870 (m), 2796 (m), 1600 (vs), 1537 (m), 1510 (s), 1483 (s), 1445 (m), 1401 (m), 1350 (s), 1223 (s), 1167 (m), 1060 (m), 1005 (m), 950 (m), 842 (m), 812 (vs), 762 (vs), 728 (s), 690 (s), 660 (w) cm^{-1}; exact mass calcd for $C_{20}H_{19}N$ m/e 273.1517, found m/e 273.1517.

Spectra. Samples for NMR analysis were 0.500–2.18% (w/v) solutions in chloroform-*d* or methylene-d_2 chloride with a 0.5% Me_4Si internal reference. Both ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were obtained with a Varian XL-100/Nicolet TT-100 Fourier transform NMR system with 12- or 18-mm probes. Carbon-13 spectral sweep widths of ±3 kHz with quadrature phase detection, flip angles of ~15°, pulse delays of 2–5 μs, and 16K Fourier transforms were employed. Proton broad-band decoupling was supplied by 100-Hz square-wave audio modulation of a single frequency centered on the proton aromatic resonances.

Assignments of the ^{13}C resonances were accomplished by standard techniques, employing single-frequency off-resonance and selective ^1H decoupling, measurements of ^1H–^{13}C spin–spin coupling constants, ^{13}C spin–lattice relaxation times,[1,39] and nuclear Overhauser enhancements.[13] Additional aid in assignments was provided by data for the 4-substituted[11] and 4,4′-disubstituted[12] biphenyls, with the assumption of additivity of substituent effects.

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Table I. Carbon-13 NMR Chemical Shifts[a] of 4-Substituted *p*-Terphenyls

substituent	Δδ, ppm											
	C-1	C-2,6	C-3,5	C-4	C-1′	C-2′,6′	C-3′,5′	C-4′	C-1″	C-2″,6″	C-3″,5″	C-4″
NO_2	147.17	127.87	124.20	147.17	137.58	127.82	127.65	141.91	140.19	127.12	128.97	127.82
$COOCH_3$[b]	145.41	128.00	130.46	129.62	139.24	127.29	128.00	141.39	140.81	127.38	129.29	128.08
CN	145.21	127.85	132.67	111.04	137.99	127.61	127.61	141.65	140.24	127.10	128.96	127.77
H	140.82	127.09	128.84	127.38	140.21	127.53	127.53	140.21	140.82	127.09	128.84	127.38
H[b]	141.00	127.33	129.23	127.82	140.47	127.82	127.82	140.47	141.00	127.33	129.23	127.82
CH_3	137.90	126.91	129.58	137.15	140.13	127.32	127.50	139.90	140.86	127.06	128.82	127.32
I	138.98	128.87	137.96	93.06	140.27	127.26	127.66	140.59	140.68	127.06	128.87	127.50
Br	138.92	128.64	131.97	121.65	139.69	127.64	127.50	140.60	140.60	127.06	128.87	127.32
Cl	139.34	128.40	128.86	133.35	138.81	127.40	127.52	140.53	140.59	127.05	128.80	127.35
NH_2	131.04	127.93	115.45	145.96	140.13	126.68	127.41	139.08	140.91	126.97	128.78	127.12
$N(CH_3)_2$	129.49	127.62	112.84	150.04	140.19	126.56	127.38	138.80	140.98	126.95	128.74	127.02

[a] In chloroform-*d* (10% w/v), except as noted. The precision is 0.31 Hz or 0.01 ppm. [b] In methylene-d_2 chloride.

Table II. Best Models for Transmission of Substituent Effects in 4-Substituted *p*-Terphenyls

carbon	best model	best σ_R	ρ_I (std dev)	ρ_R (std dev)	ϵ (std dev)	χ^a	probabilities: fit, $Pr > \chi^2$	probabilities: model, $Pr > F$
1	DSP	σ_R^0	4.43 (1.70)	20.3 (2.43)		4.58	3.5×10^{-3}	3.1×10^{-2}
2,6	DSP	σ_R^-	2.60 (0.272)	1.39 (0.341)		0.535	1.5×10^{-3}	1.2×10^{-1}
1′	DSP-NLR	σ_R^0	2.13 (0.568)	1.65 (0.125)	5.29 (1.47)	0.775	4.7×10^{-3}	4.9×10^{-2}
2′,6′	H	σ_R^0		1.41 (0.364)			1.0×10^{-1}	4.0×10^{-2}
3′,5′	DSP	σ_R^0	0.159 (0.0493)	0.291 (0.0705)		1.83	5.4×10^{-2}	1.2×10^{-2}
4′	DSP-NLR	σ_R^0	2.03 (0.0212)	2.44 (0.0640)	0.323 (0.0497)	1.20	1.0×10^{-10}	4.7×10^{-4}
1″	DSP	σ_R^0	0.773 (0.0568)	0.446 (0.0812)		0.577	1.2×10^{-4}	8.2×10^{-7}
2″,6″	H	σ_R^0		0.242 (0.0159)			2.7×10^{-5}	1.4×10^{-1}
3″,5″	DSP	σ_R^0	0.135 (0.0197)	0.207 (0.0282)		1.53	1.8×10^{-3}	1.3×10^{-4}
4″	DSP	σ_R^0	0.452 (0.0508)	0.767 (0.0726)		1.70	2.1×10^{-4}	2.0×10^{-5}

[a] Equal to ρ_R/ρ_I.

Exact mass measurements were made by manual peak matching at low resolution and by high-resolution runs on a Varian CH-5 mass spectrometer. Infrared spectra were obtained on a Perkin-Elmer 257 grating infrared spectrophotometer. Regression analyses and statistical parameters were obtained on an IBM 370 computer by using the SAS[40] general linear modeling (GLM) and the nonlinear regression (NLIN) with Gauss–Newton iteration procedures.

Results and Discussion

The ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts of the terphenyls in this study are given in Table I. The substituent effects, Δδ values, were obtained by subtraction of the chemical shifts of the unsubstituted compound from the corresponding chemical shifts of the substituted compound. The chemical shifts and Δδ values are similar to those reported for analogous carbons in benzene[41,42] and in biphenyl.[11,12,43] Although the transmission of substituent electronic effects in terphenyls shows the expected attenuation for carbons farther from the substituent, measurable changes in δ occur at all carbons, including small but real effects at the most remote carbon in the molecule, C-4″, 12 bonds removed from the substituent.

Correlations of Δδ values and σ parameters were sought by using eq 2–4. The σ values used were either the inductive parameters σ_I or the resonance parameters σ_R (=σ_p, σ_p^+, σ_m, σ_m^+, σ_R^-, σ_R^0, σ_R^+, or σ_R^{BA}) at each position. All of the appropriate σ_R parameters were tried in each equation at each position.

At positions 3–5, no statistically valid correlations were obtained between the σ parameters and the Δδ values. This lack of correlation at the ipso and ortho carbons is not surprising, since there are large differences in the potential steric or direct electric field effects from, for example, the nitro or dimethylamino groups or neighbor anisotropy effects from, for example, the bromine substituent.

At several positions, acceptable fits were obtained for more than one model and/or for several different σ_R parameters. For a given model, that set of σ_I and σ_R parameters was chosen that gave the best fit using the χ^2 test. If more than one model gave a good fit, the best model was chosen by using the *F* test of variances. The results are given in Table II. The probabilities given, $Pr > \chi^2$ and $Pr > F$, are the probabilities that the values of χ^2 or *F* obtained could have arisen by random variations. Hence, the smaller $Pr > \chi^2$ and $Pr > F$, the greater the confidence that can be assigned to the fit of a given model and to the choice of a given model over any others tried that also gave acceptable fits.

At only two positions (2′,6′ and 2″,6″) was a single parameter (H) relationship the best choice. At position 2′,6′ the fit was not particularly good, as evidenced by the large $Pr > \chi^2$. Although the single-parameter fit was quite acceptable at position 2″,6″, the DSP fit was about as good. The large $Pr > F$ at this position reflects the weakness of the choice between the H and DSP models for these carbons.

The DSP correlations were best at most of the remaining positions. However, the DSP-NLR correlations were better than the DSP correlations with probabilities greater than 0.951 and 0.999 53 at positions 1′ and 4′, respectively. In all these cases, both the inductive and resonance terms were important, as reflected in the values of the coefficients of these terms, ρ_I and ρ_R. Somewhat surprisingly, the

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relative importance of inductive electronic effects is substantial even in the distant ring. This is shown in the values of $\lambda = \rho_R/\rho_I$ for the carbons in this ring; even at C-4″, λ is only 1.70.

Since the response of the electronic system to the perturbation of the substituent is the common factor between NMR chemical shifts and σ values, changes in electronic charge densities at the particular carbons are important influences in these correlations. The nonlinearity of the $\Delta\delta$ vs. σ relationship at C-1′ and C-4′, both para-type positions in the central ring, may well reflect the decreased sensitivity of these carbons to substituent effects because of the moderation of the π-electron density changes at C-1′ and C-4′ by the terminal phenyl group. This effect is similar to the decreased sensitivity of the para carbon to mesomeric substituents observed by Bromilow and coworkers[17] in 1,4-disubstituted benzenes.

Since the ground and very low-lying excited states play a major role in determining ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts, the best σ_R parameter should be σ_R^0, which is more characteristic of the electronic ground state than, for example, σ_R^+. This is indeed the case for the resonance terms in the H, DSP, and DSP-NLR calculations, except at C-2,6. At C-2,6, the resonance and inductive effects have opposite signs, and σ_R^- gives the best correlations.

The positive signs of the coefficients are as expected: electron-withdrawing substituents lead to decreased shielding of the molecule, and electron-releasing substituents lead to increased shielding. At C-1′ and C-1″, however, these signs are negative, indicating the resonance-modified redistribution of π-electron density that is especially effective along the long molecular axis.

An interesting aspect of the substituent effects in the terphenyls is that the transmission of these effects is quite similar to that in 4-substituted styrenes. The λ values obtained in this work for analogous positions are nearly identical with those calculated by Reynolds and co-workers.[15] The mean λ in this work is 1.46 with a 1.48 standard deviation, which is statistically indistinguishable from the mean λ in Reynolds' work of $\lambda = 1.48$ with a standard deviation of 1.82. Since the values of λ cannot be the same at all positions, the results rigorously support the necessity of a dual substituent scale.[15] The results also show that even for long-range effects of substituents on carbon chemical shifts, both inductive and resonance transmission of these effects are important in terphenyls.

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